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REMARKS

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 3, 13, and 19 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The allowable subject matter of claims 3, 13, and 19 has been included in independent claims 1, 11, and 16 from which they respectively depended and the claims 3, 13, and 19 have been canceled.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §102

Claims 1,2,4-8, 10-12, 14-18, and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Lee, et al. (US 6,486,059B2).

Based on the amendment to include allowable subject matter in claims 1, 11, and 16, the rejections are now moot because dependent claims 2, 4-8, 10-12, 14-18, and 20 are now believed to be allowable as containing allowable subject matter..

Conclusion

In view of the above, it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully requested. Allowance of claims 1-20 at an early date is solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including any extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-0365 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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